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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

 1. CERTIFICATE NUM
(FOR AUDITOR'S U) 102
9/11

 TO:
CITY ATTORNEY

 2. FROM (ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT):
Fire-Rescue Department

 3. DATE:
July 18, 2007

 4. SUBJECT:
Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program

5. PRIMARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE & MAIL STA.)

Deputy Chief Brian Fennessy 533 4388 MS604

6. SECONDARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE & MAIL STA.)

Battalion Chief Gerald Brewster 533 4348 MS604

 7. CHECK BOX IF REPORT TO
COUNCIL IS ATTACHED ☐

8. COMPLETE FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES

FUND				
DEPT.				
ORGANIZATION				
OBJECT ACCOUNT				
JOB ORDER				
C.I.P. NUMBER				
AMOUNT				

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / ESTIMATED COST:

Current grant award is for \$769,500
There are no matching fund requirements.

10. ROUTING AND APPROVALS

ROUTE (#)	APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED	ROUTE (#)	APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED
1	ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	<i>[Signature]</i>	7/19/07	7	COO	<i>[Signature]</i>	8/17/07
2	FINANCIAL MGT	<i>[Signature]</i>	7/20/07	8			
3	AUDITOR	<i>[Signature]</i>	08/21/07	9	CITY ATTORNEY	<i>[Signature]</i>	8/24/07
4	LIAISON OFFICE	<i>[Signature]</i>	8/3/07	10	ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	<i>[Signature]</i>	8/28/07
5	EAS	<i>[Signature]</i>	8/9/07		DOCKET COORD:	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/1/07
6	JILL OLEN, DEPUTY CHIEF	<i>[Signature]</i>	8/15/07		COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<i>[Signature]</i>	
					<input type="checkbox"/> SPOB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ADOPTION
					<input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO:		COUNCIL DATE: 9/11/07

11. PREPARATION OF:

☒ RESOLUTION(S)

☐ ORDINANCE(S)

☐ AGREEMENT(S)

☐ DEED(S)

1. Authorize the Mayor or his representative to accept a grant of \$769,500 from Department of Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness & Response Directorate (DHS/FEMA) for San Diego Fire-Rescue Department as sponsoring agency in the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System
2. Authorize the Mayor or his representative to apply for annual grants from DHS/FEMA enabling San Diego Fire-Rescue Dept to continue as sponsoring agency in the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System, including any amendments, extensions, augmentations or renewals of funding from DHS/FEMA
3. Authorize the Auditor and Comptroller to accept, appropriate and expend funds from this grant program.
4. Authorize the Auditor and Comptroller to establish a special fund for this grant program.

11A. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the resolutions

12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): ALL

COMMUNITY AREA(S): All

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: This activity is not a "project" and is therefore not subject to CEQA pursuant to State CEQA guidelines Section 15060 (c) (3).

HOUSING IMPACT: None

OTHER ISSUES: None

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE ISSUED:	REPORT NO:
ATTENTION:	Council President and City Council
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:	San Diego Fire-Rescue Department
SUBJECT:	Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):	All
CONTACT/PHONE NUMBER:	Deputy Chief Brian Fennessy 533 4388

REQUESTED ACTION: Authorize the Mayor or his representative to accept \$769,500 from the Department of Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness & Response Directorate (DHS/FEMA) for San Diego Fire-Rescue Department as sponsoring agency in the National Urban Search & Rescue Response System; authorize the Mayor or his representative to apply for annual grants from DHS/FEMA for San Diego Fire-Rescue Department's continued participation, extending this authorization to respond to any amendments, extensions, augmentations or renewals of funding from DHS/FEMA; authorize the Auditor and Comptroller to accept, appropriate and expend funds from this grant program and to establish a special fund for this grant program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the resolutions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: In February, 1992, Resolution #279396 authorized San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) to participate as a sponsoring agency in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System. US&R is a nationwide network of task forces, designed to perform search and rescue operations at major catastrophic disasters at the direction of Department of Homeland Security/FEMA. Known as California Task Force 8 (CA-TF-8), San Diego's task force has been deployed to such incidents as the World Trade Center destruction and Hurricanes Katrina/Rita.

San Diego's CA-TF-8 includes team members from participating agencies county-wide. SDFD manages task force activities which include search, rescue, medical and technical functions. As sponsoring agency, SDFD coordinates training, maintains the personnel rosters and supply/equipment cache in readiness for deployment and ensures the efficient and timely deployment of the team when activated by DHS/FEMA.

Since the creation of this program in 1992, program management costs, as well as supply/equipment/maintenance/training costs, have been funded by continuing grants from DHS/FEMA. The grants are made available annually and require annual application. The most recent grant award of \$769,500 will be applied to program management, training, equipment and maintenance costs for the period from June, 2007 through September, 2008. Program management includes 1.00 Battalion Chief, 1.00 Administrative Aide, 1.00 Cache Manager and 1.00 Fire Captain. There are no matching requirements attached to this grant. In the event of activation, the personnel and non-personnel costs resulting from the team deployment are reimbursed to the City by DHS/FEMA via a claim reimbursement process, distinct from the grant program.

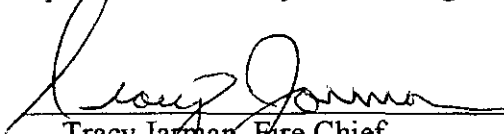
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FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: \$769,500 has been awarded to San Diego Fire-Rescue; there are no matching fund requirements and there is no impact to the General Fund. There would also be no matching fund requirements or impact to the General Fund resulting from subsequent awards.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION: City Council approved Resolution #279396, dated February 10, 1992, authorizing San Diego Fire-Rescue Department's participation in the National Urban Search & Rescue Response System as a sponsoring agency, together with any reasonably necessary modifications or amendments which did not increase project scope or cost and which the City Manager would have deemed necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this project and agreement, and accepting the initial award of \$46,809 which was matched at that time with \$46,809 from Fire's 1992 budget.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS: None

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS: Firefighting personnel within San Diego California Task Force 8 are the key stakeholders as this grant ensures their readiness for deployment to major disasters, strengthens their commitment to public safety, and enhances the reputation of the City of San Diego as a participant in nation-wide disaster preparedness.


Tracy Jarman, Fire Chief
San Diego Fire-Rescue Department


Jill Olen
Deputy Chief/Chief Operating Officer
Public Safety/Homeland Security

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RESOLUTION NUMBER R-_____

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT
A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE
DIRECTORATE [DHS/FEMA] FOR SAN DIEGO FIRE-
RESCUE DEPARTMENT AS SPONSORING AGENCY IN THE
NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSE
SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, in February 1992, Resolution No. 279396 authorized the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department [SDFD] to participate as a sponsoring agency in the Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] National Urban Search and Rescue [US&R] Response System; and

WHEREAS, US&R is a nationwide network of task forces, designed to perform search and rescue operations at major catastrophic disasters at the direction of Department of Homeland Security/FEMA; and

WHEREAS, known as California Task Force 8 [CA-TF-8], San Diego's Task Force has been deployed to such incidents as the World Trade Center destruction and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

WHEREAS, San Diego's CA-TF-8 includes team members from participating agencies county-wide; and

WHEREAS, the SDFD manages task force activities which include search, rescue, medical and technical functions; and

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WHEREAS, as a sponsoring agency, SDFD coordinates training, maintains the personnel rosters and supply/equipment cache in readiness for deployment and ensures the efficient and timely deployment of the team when activated by DHS/FEMA; and

WHEREAS, since the creation of this program in 1992, program management costs, as well as supply/equipment/maintenance/training costs, have been funded by continuing grants from DHS/FEMA; and

WHEREAS, these grants are made available annually and require annual application; and

WHEREAS, the most recent grant award of \$769,500 will be applied to program management, training, equipment and maintenance costs for the period from June 2007 through September 2008; and

WHEREAS, program management includes 1.00 Battalion Chief, 1.00 Administrative Aide, 1.00 Cache Manager, and 1.00 Fire Captain; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching requirements for these grants; and

WHEREAS, in the event of activation, the personnel and non-personnel costs resulting from the team deployment are reimbursed to the City by DHS/FEMA via a claim reimbursement process, distinct from the grant program; and


WHEREAS, firefighting personnel within San Diego California Task Force 8 are the key stakeholders as this grant ensures their readiness for deployment to major disasters, strengthens their commitment to public safety, and enhances the reputation of the City of San Diego as a participant in nation-wide disaster preparedness; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego as follows:

1. That the Mayor or his delegate is authorized to accept a grant of \$769,500 from DHS/FEMA for San Diego Fire-Rescue Department as sponsoring agency in the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System; and
2. That the Mayor or his delegate is authorized to apply for annual grants from DHS/FEMA enabling San Diego Fire-Rescue Department to continue as sponsoring agency in the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System, including any amendments, extensions, augmentations or renewals of funding from DHS/FEMA; and
3. That the Auditor and Comptroller is authorized to accept, appropriate, and expend funds from this grant program; and
4. That the Auditor and Comptroller is authorized to establish a special interest-bearing fund for this grant program.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By


William J. Gersten
Deputy City Attorney

WJG:amt
08/24/2007
Or.Dept:Fire
R-2008-154

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of _____.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By _____
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor